

HOLY WISDOM OCA MISSION PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES		
Group:	Parish Council	
Place:	Holy Wisdom Mission - GJ, CO via Zoom	
Date/Time:	Thursday, August 17, 2023	
In attendance:	Father Alexander Vallens, Father Luke Uhl, Karen Kopanos, Anastasia Bowman, Monika Kostron, Heidi Bryan, Janet Gatseos, Mike George.	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Responsibility
1. Opening Prayer	Father Alexander Vallens	Father
2. Rector's Report	Fr. Alexander is planning on visiting parish Friday Oct 6th for feast of St. Innocent. He will come in Thursday evening, and plan to drive back to Denver on Saturday.	Father Alexander
3. Approve Minutes	The 20 Jul 2023 minutes were emailed to the PC membership prior to the meeting for review. Accepted by acclamation.	Anastasia B.
4. Treasurer's Report	Operating fund - \$34,647.87, down \$1,250.02 from June. Building fund \$13,262.72. Monica provided explanation of difference - lines 110 & 130 on financial report as requested by Fr. Alexander. Reviewed financial report - accepted by acclamation.	Monica K.
4.a. City Market	Not reported on this meeting - quarterly.	Monica K.
5. OLD BUSINESS		
5.a. Iconostasis	Fr. Luke reported that he felt it looked really good in the space. There are plans for Todd to finish the trim work and install the two primary icons. Additionally, hanging lights (kandilia), curtains and icons on the royal doors will be added. Fr Luke would like to wait until Father Alexander visits to finalize the purchase of some of these items.	Father Luke
5.b. Bookstore	New books from St Anthony's and New Rome Press. Plans to complete an inventory since we have had a large number of items donated to the bookstore for resale.	Anastasia B.
5.c. Fellowship Hour	Wonderful food being provided. Watch for food dropping onto carpet. We have ways to treat those spots, so if one of the PC can be notified sooner than later we can prevent more	Janet G.
5.d. Community Outreach	Food pantry ongoing. Water bottle project - First Christian Church had established a cooling station - asking for assistance from the community for bottled water as well as assistance in staffing the station. They also regularly take bottled water around to those in need in the parks. HW contributed \$50 & along with donated funds purchased cases of water plus cases of water brought in we were able to donate 55 cases of bottled water. The representatives at First Christian were very appreciative. Discussions ensued about partnering on other community projects in the future. A connection was established.	Monica K.
5.e. Parish Growth & Development	Newspaper ad continues to go out on Saturdays. Jerre or another parishioner consistently puts corner A-frame signs out on Sundays.	Fr. Luke
5.f. Book Study	Going well and has led to ongoing discussions after services.	Fr. Luke

5.g. Parish Insurance	Fr Luke reports that we are obligated to provide proof of insurance to our landlord when we sign our lease. Historically we have been integrated with St. Andrew's policy but with Archbishop Benjamin having recently assigned Fr. Luke to the alter at HW, and Fr. Benjamin's departure it is felt by the PC that we should look into our own policy. Church Mutual is the most common insurer of religious properties in the country. Fr Alexander indicated St. Tikhon's explored other insurers a few years ago but didn't find better coverage or pricing. Next Steps - investigate & report back. Karen agreed to do the investigation. Fr. Alexander will provide copy of St. Tikhon's parish policy. There was also some concern that we weren't currently covered since the policy we have in hand reflects a 2021 expiration, It was suggested we check with St. Andrew's to determine the current status of this coverage and go from there. Monica will check with the PC Treasurer there to obtain this information.	Monica K.
5.h. Appreciation Gift for work on Iconostasis - Todd Schmitt	Monica proposed purchasing a \$100 gift certificate from Moody's restaurant on Main St and a \$45 Holy Wisdom Icon from Legacy. Accepted by acclamation.	Monica K.
6. NEW BUSINESS		
6.a. Diocesan Annual Parish Report	This report is submitted as part of the material/packet for the upcoming Diocesan meeting. Question was posed as to when this is usually due, can we put it on a calendar with a	Father Alexander
6.b. Review Annual Corporate Report & Officer Responsibility	This is a report due to the state of Colorado. PC VP will ensure this is done annually.	Father Alexander
6.c. Review Lease Agreement for 2024	Oct 1 - need to let them know our intention of extending our lease. Base rent has an escalation clause. Proposed by Fr. Vallens is to exercise the option to extend 2 years. No opposition; accepted by acclamation.	Father Luke/ Karen Kopanis
6.d. Snow Removal Arrangements	Unfortunately, Mike George had to leave the meeting early due to an emergency but indicated by text he would be in contact with our previous contractor and inform the PC of that conversation.	Mike George
6.e. Baptism Supplies	Fr. Luke reports that 2 of our catechumens want to be baptized sooner than later which means we need a font. He provided several options of troughs that might meet the need. Discussion ensued. Also discussed Fr. Benjamin has indicated that the older one at St. Andrew's was offered up and perhaps we could use that. Fr Luke also showed examples of baptismal gowns for purchase. It was suggested that we borrow St. Andrew's for immediate needs, and ask if anyone in the parish might be able to sew up some for our parish. Karen offered space in her garage for storing font. Ultimately it was decided the Fr. Luke is to use his discretion on the purchase of or use of St. Andrew's for upcoming baptisms.	Fr. Luke
6.f. Russian Bulletins	Fr. Luke informed the PC that he is now creating a few Russian language bulletins each Sunday and the Russian-speaking parishioners are very happy. Fr. Alexander expressed the importance of reaching out to parishioners in their native language to make a real connection is valuable. Spoke accolades to Fr Luke for doing this from a pastoral viewpoint.	Fr. Luke

6.g. Service Calendars	Sept - weekday services Sept 8th, and 14th. Oct 6th, 9th, 18th. Discussion about whether there is choir support.	Fr. Luke
6.h. Maui Fire	Discussion about asking parish for donations for GOA mission on Maui in view of the recent devastating fires. It was felt that we should inform the parish of the devastation and options for donating to this. Fr Luke will include in announcements on Sunday, collect for two Sundays and Treasurer will submit a check directly to the parish in Maui.	Fr. Luke
7. Meeting Adjournment	Meeting adjourned by consensus. Closed at 2025.	Fr Alexander
8. Next Meeting:	09/28/2023 @ 1830 - moved from 3rd Thursday due to absence of 2 PC members.	Fr Alexander
9. Minutes recorded by:	Anastasia Bowman	
10. Signature of Approval (Secretary)	Anastasia Bowman	
11. Signature of Approval (Meeting Chair)	Archpriest Alexander Vallens	